

**CHAPTER 72: GOLF CARTS**  
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Appendix A: Town of Bogue Golf Cart Owner Registration

**§ 72.01 AUTHORITY TO REGULATE.**

(A) Authorization. Pursuant NC GS 160 A-300.6, the town is authorized, by ordinance, to require the registration of and to regulate the operation of, golf carts upon public streets, roads, and highways within the town where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less.

(B) Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**GOLF CART** A vehicle designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of 25 miles per hour. (Ord. passed 3-21-2011)

**DRIVER'S LICENSE** A valid license issued to operate a motor vehicle issued by North Carolina or any other state.

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart in an amount not less than required by North Carolina law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of North Carolina.

**OPERATOR** Only persons over 16 years of age and holding a valid driver's license may operate a golf cart on roads.

**§ 72.02 OPERATION ON PUBLIC STREETS AND ROADS.**

It shall be unlawful to operate a golf cart on a public street, road, or highway right-of-way within the town except in accordance with the following provisions:

(A) Golf carts shall not be operated on or alongside a public road or street with a posted speed limit greater than 35 miles per hour.

(B) Golf carts may cross a road with a posted speed limit greater than 35 mph. However, once this segment of road has been travelled, the golf cart is still required to travel only on or along a roadway with a speed limit of 35 mph or less. Golf carts must cross in a manner that is the most direct route in order to decrease crossing distance, i.e. no riding along a road or crossing at an angle.

(C) Any person who operates a golf cart must be responsible for all liability associated with operation of the golf cart and must have liability insurance coverage which will cover the use of a golf cart in an amount not less than required by North Carolina law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of North Carolina.

(D) Any person who operates a golf cart must be at least sixteen (16) years of age or older. No person may operate a golf cart unless that person is licensed to drive upon the public streets, roads and highways of North Carolina and then, only in accordance with such valid driver's license. Golf cart operators must carry their driver's license on their person at all times while operating a golf cart on public roads.

(E) Any person who operates a golf cart on public streets and roads must adhere to all applicable State and local laws, regulations and ordinances, including but not limited to those banning the possession and use of alcoholic beverages, and all other illegal drugs. In addition, no golf cart containing any open container of alcohol shall be operated on public roads.

(F) The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of North Carolina and the County/Town which governs the operation of motor vehicles.

(G) An operator may not allow the number of people in the golf cart at any one time to exceed the maximum capacity specified by the manufacturer. The operator shall not allow passengers to ride on any part of a golf cart not designed to carry passengers, such as the part of the golf cart designed to carry golf bags.

1. In no instance shall a golf cart be operated at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour. No golf cart may be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for the existing conditions.

(H) Golf carts must be operated at the right edge of the roadway and must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

(I) Golf carts must park in designated spaces in such a manner that multiple golf carts can utilize the space. All parking rules and limits apply. No parking on sidewalks is allowed.

(J) Golf carts must have basic equipment supplied by the manufacturer, including a vehicle identification or serial number. Such equipment must include all safety devices as installed by said manufacturer, including rear view mirror and a reflective markings on all four sides that are compliant with North Carolina law.

(K) Golf carts without lights may be operated only during daylight hours. Golf carts meeting the requirements set forth below may operate at any time:

1. Golf carts having two (2) operating headlights, one on each side of the front of the golf cart and two (2) operating tail lights, one on each side of the rear of the cart, all four (4) lights must be visible from a distance of 500 feet; and
2. If a mechanical turn signal indicator is not installed, then hand signals are required for turns.

### **§ 72.03 REGISTRATION PRIOR TO USAGE**

(A) All golf cart owners must complete a golf cart registration form and submit it to the town prior to operation of golf carts under this chapter.

(B) Each owner must have proof of ownership, and liability insurance, and a completed Waiver of Liability, releasing the Town from liability that may arise as a result of operation of a golf cart inside Town. These documents must be in the golf cart at all times while in operation on public roads.

(C) All golf carts must meet the requirements or minimum standards of safety equipment as set forth above in this Ordinance.

(D) All golf cart operators must present a valid driver/s license while operating a golf cart on a public road.

(E) The registration sticker shall be valid for no more than one year and will remain attached to the front driver side of a golf cart operated on a public road.

(F) Lost or Stolen Permit/Stickers are the responsibility of the owner and must be replaced before the golf cart is operated on a public road.

### **§ 72.04 ENFORCEMENT.**

Violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute an infraction in accordance with Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Persons who, while driving golf carts on public streets or roads within the Town, violate the “Rules of the Road” applicable to motor vehicles generally shall be subject to the same penalties applicable to the operators of other motor vehicles.

### **§ 72.99 PENALTY.**

Any act constituting a violation of this chapter shall subject the offender to a civil penalty of \$50, plus the court costs and attorney fees incurred by the town. If the offender fails to pay the penalty within 30 days of receiving written notice of the violation, the penalty may be recovered by the town in a civil action in the nature of debt. Three violations of this chapter within a 12-month period will be cause for revocation of the existing registration for six consecutive months by a commissioner of the town.

**GOLF CART OWNER REGISTRATION  
TOWN OF BOGUE, NC**

Golf Cart Owner's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Telephone No. Daytime: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Night time :(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Make of Golf Cart (Mfg): \_\_\_\_\_

Color of Golf Cart: \_\_\_\_\_ Model (Year): \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number of Golf Cart: \_\_\_\_\_

Liability Insurance (Company, Policy Number, Insured): \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*Please Attach Copies of Liability Insurance AND Driver's License\*\*\*

I have received, read and understood the "Golf Cart Ordinance." I have paid the registration fee for the above cart and agree to additional assessments as may be required in support of this ordinance. I acknowledge that I will assume all liability, and am fully responsible for the operation of the above cart on the streets and roads in the Town of Bogue. I also acknowledge that the Town of Bogue, in providing this privilege, is in no way endorsing the operation of this cart on the streets and roads, and does not and will not assume any liability in the operation of the cart. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Bogue for any and all liability arising from the use of this golf car/cart. **I also understand that the Carteret County Sheriff's interpretation of all the rules and regulations are final.** I will insure that the permit sticker will remain attached to the front driver's side of the cart at all times. I furthermore insure that I will obey all the rules and regulations set forth by the Town of Bogue concerning the operation of a cart within town limits.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**For Town Use Only**

Approved By Town of Bogue Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee: \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date